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For: <b>A Method of Treating and Preventing</b>	)	
<b>Infectious Diseases Via Creation of a</b>	)	
<b>Modified Viral Particle with</b>	)	
<b>Immunogenic Properties</b>	)	

**STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BECAUSE OF  
INVENTION RELATING TO HIV/AIDS (37 CFR § 1.102 AND M.P.E.P. § 708.02(X))**

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Sir:

I, John K. McDonald, Ph.D., am an attorney for the applicants in the above-identified application, and I hereby state the following:

1. The invention disclosed in the above-identified application is directed to compositions and methods which are useful in the treatment of HIV/AIDS, as specified in M.P.E.P. § 708.02(X). The present invention provides modified viral particles, methods of making these particles and methods of using them as components of vaccines to treat or prevent HIV infection.

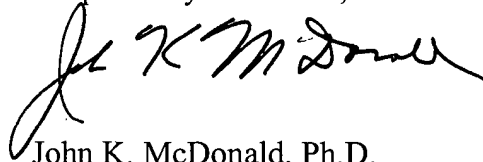
2. Pre-examination searches have been conducted.

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3. An information disclosure statement is concurrently filed together with a copy of each reference.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J K McDonald', written over the typed name.

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